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Hamburg, Jan. 19.

THE Bishop of *Osnabrug* now Duke of *Hanouer*, arrived on Saturday last at *Hanouer*, and has taken possession of that Dutchy. We are told that part of the Dutchy of *Bremen* will be restored to the Suedes on the 25 instant.

Cologne, Jan. 16. Our Magistrates have resolved to follow the example of the Circle of *Franconia* in the matter of the Monies, and have appointed Commissioners to examine the Monies that are now currant in the Empire. The States of this Diocess continue assembled, not having yet been able to find any way to raise the Monies required by our Elector for the maintenance of the Troops he thinks necessary to keep on foot, for repairing the Fortifications, &c. the Country being so extremely empoverished, that it can hardly contribute any thing. The Duke of *Mecklenburg* has complained to the Dyet at *Ratisbonne*, that two *Brandenburg* Regiments have taken quarters in his Territories, and demanded the protection of the Empire against such an oppression, and that the Elector may be obliged to make reparation for the damages caused by his Troops.

Cologne, Jan. 19. Here is arrived an Envoy from the King of *Spain*, who has had Audience of our Elector. His business is to treat with his Electoral Highness about the Cession of *Dinant*, which *Spain* by the last Peace obliged it self to *France* to procure; to which his Electoral Highness has as yet only answered, *That he will consider of it.* Monsieur *de la Voyon*, the French Envoy, having understood what the Spanish Envoy had proposed, has by a Memorial desired his Electoral Highness not to consent to the said Cession, for that the King his Master would rather have *Charlemont*, which otherwise the Spaniards are to give the French in lieu of *Dinant*. Monsieur *Straetman* the Emperors Ambassador joins with the Spanish Envoy in this matter.

Bruffels, Jan. 26. On Sunday last Count *Mombrun*, Lieutenant-Governor of the French Conquests in these Provinces arrived here. The same day he had Audience of his Excellency, who caused the Council to assemble the next day, and to morrow Monsieur *Mombrun* parts again from hence. We are told his Errand hither was, to let his Excellency know, that seeing the Elector of *Cologne* did not consent to the Cession of *Dinant*, that the French King expected *Charlemont* should be delivered up to him before the 25th of the next month, pursuant to the last Peace; which has put his Excellency into some perplexity, not being able to part with so important a place without particular orders from *Spain*, whither he has sent an Express, as likewise to the Elector of *Cologne* upon this occasion. The French Troops continue in *Chieure*. In *Germany* they make great Levies.

Hague, Jan. 2[illegible]. To comply with your desires, I give you an account of what has passed here in relation to the Alliance proposed by *France* to this State.

The Most Christian King having thought fit to oppose the making a Treaty of Guaranty of the Peace concluded at *Nimeguen*, which was the last year proposed by the King of *England* to the States General, has since offered the said States to enter into a Defensive Alliance with them, upon the foot of the Treaty of 1662. and in pursuance thereof, the Sieur *d'Avaux* the French Ambassador here, has by Memorials and all other endeavors pressed the same very earnestly; Mr. *Sydney* the King of *England*'s Envoy Extraordinary as zealously opposing it; who having likewise received Orders from the King his Master, to assure the States (which His Majesty had done Himself to their Ambassador at *London*) that He would not only punctually comply with what was stipulated and agreed in the Defensive Treaty made between *England* and *Holland*, the third of *March* 1678. but also stand by them to the uttermost, in case they should be attacked by *France*; the States did thereupon civilly refuse the said Alliance proposed to them by the French. But the Most Christian King having declared, *That he was not satisfied therewith*, his said Ambassador gave in a Memorial bearing date the 22 instant, wherein he tells the States, amongst other things, *That the King his Master had ordered him to stay some days longer to see what Conclusion this Affair would have, and that afterwards he would not have him say any thing more of it*; That Monsieur *Colbert* had told their Ambassadors at *Paris*, *That the King his Master wondred extremely to find all persons in* Holland *full of hopes* (which their Letters had given them) *that his Majesty would not depart from the execution of the Peace, and that if they did not enter into this Alliance with him, they should only suffer something in their Commerce: That the sence of what he had told them from the King his Master had been wrong delivered by them, and worse interpreted at the* Hague; *And that they might only consider, that what has happened within these eight or ten years, did arise from beginnings not so considerable as what may justly follow from His Majesties dissatisfaction at the Conduct of the States*; The day following, being the 23, Mr. *Sidney* also gave a Memorial to the States, wherein he tells them, *That as the King his Master lays nothing more to heart, then the good of this Commonwealth, so He presses them in nothing but what is most agreeable to their own Convenience and Interest; And therefore hopes that after those Assurances His Majesty has given them of His Friendship and Assistance they will not make an Alliance, which His Majesty cannot look upon otherwise, then as designed against Him.* Minding them, *That the manner of the French pressing this Alliance seems to be in a strain too high to be used towards a Free State.* Whereupon the States of *Holland* came to an unanimous Resolution the 23 instant, not to [illegible] of the Alliance which